



# Crime & Punishment

*Compton Chamberlayne*



## Committed to Devizes House of Corrections

The Devizes County House of Corrections was opened in 1817 & was located on the west side of Devizes, nearby what is still called Prison Bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal. In the 1830's, it averaged some 700 prisoners. The Prison officially closed in 1921 & was demolished in 1927. The land is now covered by a housing estate.

Surname	Given Names	Crime	Newspaper report
Loveless	Josiah	For poaching in the parish of Compton Chamberlayne. Hard Labour – 15 months,	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 1827
Read	John	For poaching at Compton Chamberlayne. Hard Labour – 12 months	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 1827
Goodfellow	R.	For poaching in the parish of Compton Chamberlayne. Hard Labour – 9 months	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 1827
Moxham	Charles	For destroying game at Compton Chamberlayne. Committed for 6 weeks	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 1837
Moxham	William	For destroying game at Compton Chamberlayne. Committed for 6 weeks	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 1837
Watts	Thomas	For night poaching at Compton Chamberlayne. Committed for 2 months - & to find sureties for one year	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 1844
Fry	James	Larceny at Compton Chamberlayne. Committed for 1 month ** (Gaol name not stated)	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 1855